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Uncle Sam Conducts Crop Report Service

Surrounds Compilation Of Data With Secrecy

A question which pops up almost every time anyone talks with a farmer is: "How's the crop coming along?"

Of course, the individual farmer can only report concerning the condition of his own, or his neighbor's crops, and he is as interested in the question of how the nation's crops are coming along as is anyone else—in fact more vitally interested than anyone else except other farmers.

The farmer is the actual reporter as crop census men take notes.

The only person who knows how the crop is coming along,—that is, the nation's overall crops—is a mythical person, Uncle Sam; but he knows and he tells.

His information is gathered from 41 U.S. crop reporting offices compiled in Washington, and released on or about the 10th of every month as a service of the agriculture department's bureau of agricultural economics. There are about 90 reports made each year, and the farmer who follows these reports knows what is happening in the field of agriculture and he regulates the operation of his own fields accordingly.

The farmers, themselves, are the reporters, having been sending information to the government ever since 1862 when crop reporting began during Lincoln's administration. No pay is received by the farmers for this work, yet some of them have faithfully kept up reports for 40 years.

Marcantile tax repeal bill will be first item at next session of U. S. Congress.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Howard Glover and daughter, Bessie Ann, spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Miss Dori Evans has returned home from a Roanoke hospital.

Mrs. W. F. Warriner spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, of Appomattox.

Mrs. Carl Womack and children visited her sister, Mrs. W. L. Womack and family, of Darlington Heights Sunday afternoon.

T. E. LeGrand is sick at this writing.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. Lizzie Staples attended the funeral of Miss Mary Savedge on Monday near Waverley, Va.

Mrs. Jack Hodge was in Lynchburg last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett are the happy parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald visited her aunt, Mrs. Howard Glover and family Thursday afternoon.

Miss Kerry White, of Lynchburg is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Massie, of Newport News spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Chocklett and her sister, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barlow are the proud parents of a baby boy.

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Russian People Are Also Able to Say "Merry Christmas"

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That's what a Russian would say to you if you were in Russia on Christmas day and he wished to extend the season's greetings.

The phrase is the Russian's way of saying: "Merry Christmas."

In the past, the Russian's Christmas was closely associated with his church; but how the day is observed now that the religious life has been subjugated in the Soviet, one would have to be behind the "iron curtain" to know.

But it was not always like that. In other days, the Russian Christmas was much like the Ukrainian. There was a Santa Claus known as "Dedushka Moroz" and there were traditional gifts of red boots for children and golden slippers for young girls.

In certain parts of the country the "baboushka" (grandmother) was the legendary dispenser of gifts. According to one story, she repented of unkindness and ever since has tried to make amends by distributing gifts to children at Christmas.

Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1850's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at $4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look.

Nast changed all that.

He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 13.- Mrs. J. H. Reynolds has returned home after being called to North Carolina due to the illness of her sister, Mrs. John Speckes.

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Miss Carteff Phelps and Miss Avis Holt were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, of Lovingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and family visited relatives in Buckingham Sunday.

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Census takers begin training for task of asking questions next year.

Hoover sees U. S. spending as a national danger.

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